

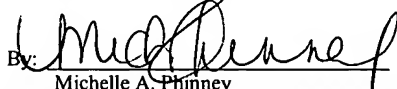
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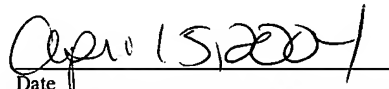
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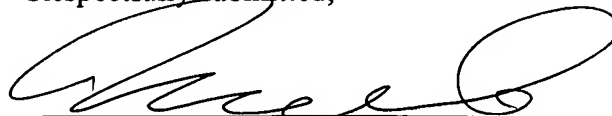
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- c. X Copies of cited references may be found in parent application no. 09/739,577, U.S. Patent No. 6,645,483, issued November 11, 2003.
- d. Some of the listed references were cited in the enclosed International Search Report in a counterpart foreign application.

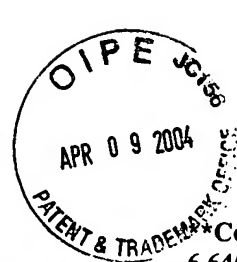
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